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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, NOVEMBER 16, 2001

IN THE MATTER OF

SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA GAS  
COMPANY

CASE NO. PUE010586

2001 Annual Informational  
Filing

ORDER GRANTING WAIVER OF  
CERTAIN FILING REQUIREMENTS

On October 29, 2001, Southwestern Virginia Gas Company ("Southwestern" or "Company") filed with the Clerk of the Commission its annual informational filing for the period ending June 30, 2001. In its filing, the Company requested partial waiver of 20 VAC 5-200-30 A 9 of the Commission's Rules Governing Rate Increase Applications and Annual Informational Filings, which requires preparation of Schedules described in the Appendix to the rules. Southwestern requested waiver of the requirement to file Appendix Schedule 1, Historic Profitability and Market Data, Appendix Schedule 2, Interest and Cash Flow Coverage Data, Appendix Schedule 6, Public Financial Reports, and Appendix Schedule 7, Comparative Financial Statements.

In support of the request for waiver, the Company stated that it is a wholly owned subsidiary of Southwestern Virginia Energy Industries, Ltd., which is a closely held corporation.

Southwestern Virginia Energy Industries, Ltd., has not contributed or guaranteed Company debt, and the parent does not prepare public financial statements. According to the Company, the Commission has not considered the parent's financial statements in fixing return on equity.

Upon consideration of the request, the Commission will grant a waiver of the rules for the annual informational filing made October 29, 2001. This waiver of the requirement to file Appendix Schedules 1,2,6, and 7 does not extend to any future application for a rate increase or annual informational filing. The grant of the waiver in this case should not be considered precedent for the grant of a waiver in any future proceeding.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) Southwestern's annual informational filing for the period ending June 30, 2001, filed on October 29, 2001, shall be docketed as Case No. PUE010586, and all associated papers shall be filed therein.

(2) Southwestern's request for waiver of the requirement to file certain Appendix Schedules in the Commission's Rules Governing Rate Increase Applications and Annual Informational Filings, 20 VAC 5-200-30, is granted.

(3) To the extent discussed in this Order and as provided by the Commission's Rules Governing Rate Increase Applications and Annual Informational Filings, 20 VAC 5-200-30 A 11, the

Commission waives its requirement to file in this Case No. PUE010586 the following: Appendix Schedule 1, Historic Profitability and Market Data, Appendix Schedule 2, Interest and Cash Flow Coverage Data, Appendix Schedule 6, Public Financial Reports, and Appendix Schedule 7, Comparative Financial Statements.

(4) The Commission Staff shall review Southwestern's annual informational filing and, on or before February 6, 2002, shall file with the Clerk an original and ten (10) copies of a report on the results of its review and shall serve a copy on Southwestern.

(5) On or before February 20, 2002, Southwestern shall file with the Clerk an original and ten (10) copies of any comments on the Staff's report and shall serve copies on the directors of the Commission's Divisions of Economics and Finance and Public Utility Accounting.